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AND EMBASSY ACTIVITIES

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1. THE GENERAL ATTITUDES AND POLICY-MAKING PROCEDURES
OF THE MALTESE GOVERNMENT CONCERNING MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS
HAVE NOT CHANGED SINCE THE SUBMISSION OF THE EMBASSY'S
REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT IN 1976 (REF D).

2. THE ONE EXCEPTION TO THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN
REF D HAS BEEN THE RESIGNATION OF ROVING AMBASSADOR
JOSEPH ATTARD KINGSWELL, WHO NO LONGER HAS ANY OFFICIAL
POSITION WITH THE GOM. HE HAS NOT BEEN REPLACED AS
AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES. THEREFORE, THE MALTESE
CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN NEW YORK, VICTOR GAUCI, IS NOW THE
ONLY SENIOR GOM OFFICIAL ACCREDITED TO THE USG WHO
PARTICIPATES IN MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS.

3. DEALING WITH THE MALTESE ON MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS
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REMAINS DIFFICULT, AND GENERALLY UNREWARDING, BECAUSE OF
THE ATTITUDES OF PRIME MINISTER DOM MINTOFF, AND HIS SELF-
DEFINED VERSIONS OF MALTA'S "NEUTRAL" AND "NON-ALIGNED"
POLICIES. THE MALTESE SELDOM REACT POSITIVELY TO OUR
MULTILATERAL REPRESENTATIONS, AND THEY CONTINUE TO VOTE
AGAINST US ON ALMOST ALL KEY MULTILATERAL QUESTIONS. WE
DO NOT EXPECT THIS TO CHANGE AS LONG AS MINTOFF IS PRIME

MINISTER.

4. HOWEVER, ONE OF OUR STATED OFFICIAL POLICIES TOWARDS MALTA, AS DEFINED BY THE 1977 INTERAGENCY POLICY REVIEW, IS TO "CONTINUE TO CONSULT WITH THE MALTESE ON ISSUES IMPORTANT TO THE US ARISING IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS." THIS WE WILL, INDEED, STRIVE TO DO HERE TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITIES, ALTHOUGH WE DOUBT IF THE RESULTS WILL BE ANY MORE SATISFYING THAN IN THE PAST.

5. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, THE DCM ACTS AS OFFICIAL MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS OFFICER (MLO) IN THIS EMBASSY. HOWEVER, THE AMBASSADOR OFTEN IS THE ACTUAL INTERLOCUTOR WITH THE GOM ON SPECIFIC MULTILATERAL SUBJECTS. WIGGINS

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